4. In 73 per cent cases the assets were found intact. The assets were not intact in 3 per cent cases due to unexpected events like deaths, in 6 per cent cases on account of inadequate income generation and in the remaining 18 per cent cases, the assets were not intact because of other reasons.

5. About 37 per cent of the sample families had no overdues and 30 per cent families had overdues less than Rs. 1000/-. This compares well with the NABARD study (1985) of recovery under IRDP at 69 per cent.

6. The assets had generated incremental income of more than Rs. 2000/- in 43 per cent cases. The incremental income was between Rs. 1001/- to Rs. 2000/- in 18 per cent cases and between Rs. 501/- to Rs. 1000/- in 10 per cent cases.

7. At the national level 78 per cent old beneficiaries had crossed the income level of Rs. 3500/- and 28 per cent old beneficiaries, the revised poverty line of Rs. 6400/-.

Areas of Concern:

1. The selection of ineligible families had been high as 12 per cent of families assisted had annual income between Rs. 4801 to Rs. 6400/- and another 7 per cent even more than Rs. 6400/-.

2. In 82 per cent cases, there was no difference in the cost as per record and value of assets in the opinion of the beneficiary. In 9 per cent cases difference of more than Rs. 500/- was found which indicates malpractices and leakages and require investigations by the concerned authorities.

3. Working capital was required in 65 percent cases but it could not be provided to the beneficiaries in 22 percent cases.

4. After care support was not imparted to beneficiaries in 53 per cent cases out of 75 per cent cases requiring such supoprt.

5. The repayment period was less than 3 years in 9 per cent cases and it was 3 years in 29 per cent cases.

Shortage of Foodgrains

1992. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased ot state:

(a) the estimated production of foodgrains during the year 1990-91;

(b) the actual requirement of foodgrains during the year 1990-91 and the extent of shortage of foodgrains in the country; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to meet the shortage of foodgrains in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) It is too early to make any assessment of foodgrains production during the year 1990-91. However, he progress of south-west monsoon during the current season (June—Sept.) has been quite good in most parts of the country so far. If the weather behaves alright during the rest of the season, the prospects of kharif foodgrains production are rated to be quite good. As for rabi foodgrains the sowings are yet to take place.

(b) Keeping in view the requirements of foodgrains, the target for 1990-91 has been fixed at 176.5 million tonnes which is likely to be achieved in full. No shortage of foodgrains is anticipated.

(c) Does not arise.

Pilot projects on rice

1993. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pilot project on rice had been taken up in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof and the amount spent on this project;

(c) whether this project was implemented in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof and the areas where the project was implemented;

(d) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether such projects are being implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A pilot project on rice was taken up during 1984-85 in selected blocks in Assam, Bihar, Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Eastern Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal as a fore-runner to the main project with the objective to identify the constraints to higher rice productivity and production. An outlay of Rs. 500.06 lakh was provided for implementation of pilot project on rice.

(c) and (d) The pilot project was not implemented in Tamil Nadu as the objective of the project was to identify the constraints in rice production in low rice productivity States. However, during 1988-89 and 1989-90 a Centrally Sponsored Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Rice was implemented in 8 selected districts of Tamil Nadu *viz*: Chengalpattu. South Arcot, North Arcot, Tiruchirapalli, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Pudukottui and Madurai.

(e) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Programme for Rice Development" is being implemented during 1990-91 in 19 rice growing States including Tamil Nadu. The districts covered under the scheme in Tamil Nadu are the 8 above mentioned districts and Ramanathapuram. The scheme is being implemented on 75:25 funding pattern to be shared between the Government of India and the concerned States. Rs. 87 crores have been provided as Central Share for implementation of the scheme during 1990-91.

Dairy Science College in Assam

1994. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of a Dairy Science College in Assam;

(b) if so, whether the college would start functioning from the next academic year; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Sir, no such proposal is under consideration of Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Establishing a Dairy Science College is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Atrocities on Harijans

1995. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have collected the statistics about the atrocities committed against Harijans in different parts of the country during the last six months; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise details of cases of atrocities committed on Scheduled Castes during January, 1990 to June, 1990 is given Statement attached.